

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
1891 Walnut Street
Lauderdale, MN 55113

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October 22, 2013

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson, and Lara Mac Lean and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Kevin Kelly, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. Mac Lean added Park and Community Involvement Committee membership to the agenda. Councilor Grove moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the October 8, 2013 City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$30,796.26. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Gaasch moved adoption of the Consent Agenda approving the September Financial Report, 2430 Larpenteur Avenue survey, and sanitary sewer lining payment request. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Informational Presentation

Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom addressed the Council. Bostrom gave his annual update to the Council and spoke on the duties of the Sheriff's office. Bostrom stated the main duties are to provide detention services, secure the courts, provide patrol for seven communities, patrol the waters, and serve warrants and other court orders. Bostrom highlighted initiatives like the Safe Surrender program which is designed to lower outstanding warrant numbers and Code Red which is an emergency notification service using social media. The Sheriff's department also began purchasing black and white patrol cars to be in step with the municipal departments.

University of Minnesota Sustainability Program

The students from the U of M weren't able to address the Council. The Sustainability Festival is scheduled for November 14 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony.

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The City Halloween Party will be held on October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be trick or treat bags and the maze again this year. Hot dogs, chips, and refreshments will be served. City Hall is accepting donations of candy and money for the event.

Public Hearing and Discussion Items:

Fees for Fire Service Ordinance:

The ordinance addresses costs incurred by the City for non-fire emergency response by the fire department. The City will cover the initial cost of the response. If the incident meets certain criteria and lasts in excess of two hours, the costs may be billed to the parties involved. This could cover such things as motor vehicle accidents, chemical spills, and rail spills. After the public hearing the Council can consider adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Dains opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m. No one addressed the Council and the public hearing was closed at 8:12 p.m.

Councilor Gaasch moved to adopt the Fees for Fire Service Ordinance No. 13-04. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for Election Equipment

Ramsey County is reviewing vendors and options in order to purchase new election equipment in 2014. Prior to purchase, the cities within the County must renew their election equipment agreement with the County.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the City's entry into a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for purchase and operation of new voting equipment. Councilor Hawkinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sanitary Sewer Lining

Butkowski stated the City received a quote from Infratech for spot repairs needed before the sewer lining project can be completed. Their method requires no excavations.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the quote from Infratech for the sanitary sewer line repairs on Eustis Street and in the sanitary sewer easement area in the alley/easement behind Fulham Street. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Additional Items:

Councilor Mac Lean asked if the City was still recognizing residents that serve on the Park and Community Involvement Committee. Mac Lean stated the City has recognized the work of outgoing committee members in the past. Staff said we are and will prepare a certificate of recognition for an outgoing member.

Agenda items for the November 12 Council Meeting may include a discussion of the Larpenteur Avenue Project, zoning ordinance updates, the City logo, 2014 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Fees, the Citizen's Academy Graduation, and a public hearing on the proposed Business Assistance Policy.

Mayor Dains explained that the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meeting but not aired on community television.

Mayor Dains asked if anyone wished to address the Council; no one came forward.

Work Session:

Zoning Amendment Request

Don Beaupre of Beaupre Aerial Equipment and his realtor John Young addressed the Council. Beaupre is seeking a zoning text amendment and conditional use permit to allow for his aerial equipment rental business in the City's industrial area. Beaupre addressed the question of outside storage of equipment by stating the Hamline Auto Body building will allow for nearly all equipment and materials to be stored within the building. Inside storage will also include the Beaupre trucks which will deliver the rental equipment. The Council discussed screening of the area in which the aerial equipment would be kept. Since the site is significantly lower than TH280, a 6-8 foot fence would provide minimal screening. The Council felt screening of non-aerial equipment within the supply yard should be a requirement.

Beaupre stated he worked with the Seward Neighborhood Association when he moved the business to south Minneapolis and is willing to work with the City. Beaupre also added there will be very little traffic as Beaupre delivers the equipment to work sites rather than the contractors picking up the equipment. Council members wondered what time line Beaupre needed for City approval. He stated the sooner the better and would like to move in to the building on January 1.

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Eureka! Recycling Contract

Chris Goodwin, Manager of Customer Relations at Eureka Recycling, addressed the Council. Goodwin stated Eureka is moving to single sort recycling in 2014. Goodwin stated single sort recycling will be easier for Lauderdale customers as they won't have to separate paper recycling from other recycling. Goodwin also mentioned the City could replace the current bins with carts. The Council discussed the City possibly paying for the carts from the Recycling Fund.

Business Assistance Policy Draft

This was the Council's first look at the policy. The policy emphasizes the goal of public assistance will be the creation of tax base. A public hearing must be held prior to adoption. The Council will hold a public hearing at the next Council meeting.

Community Development Update

Butkowski updated the Council on recent contact she had with representatives from Luther Seminary and the Corval Group.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Gaasch seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Kelly
Deputy City Clerk